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On Mar 26, 2019, at 5:56 AM, Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov> wrote:

For Rep. Al Green (TX) DC office:

Q: I noticed Pygas on the list of impacted chemicals in the latest update. Could you provide more details about the final disposition of the tanks holding Pygas and whether the Pygas had gone through any chemical processes, specifically whether there is any danger of benzene being released? Let me know, thanks!

A: The responsible party, ITC, is working on plans for the final disposition of the Pygas but no final decision has been made at this time. ITC is coordinating with the State Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to ensure that the final disposition is in compliance with both state and federal regulations. Pygas vapors from the damaged tank are believed to be responsible for elevated levels of Benzene in and around the facility. ITC is suppressing vapors with foam.

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